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DWR Hosts 2010-2011 Winter Outlook Workshop

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources will hold a Winter Outlook Workshop November 17 in San Diego.

The workshop will bring together research and operational meteorologists to provide water managers with a discussion of prospects for Water Year 2011 water supply conditions.

The primary source of seasonal weather or climate outlooks is the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) cycle. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's current ENSO outlook calls for La Niña conditions continuing through spring 2011, a situation that can mean drier than normal conditions in Southern California.

Interactions among additional climate factors, such as the Pacific Decadal Oscillation, may influence predictions for the coming winter season.

Workshop presenters will discuss how climate patterns may play out this winter, and chances for wet, dry, or average conditions.

Event details: November 17, 2010
9:30-Noon
Westin Hotel Gaslamp Quarter
910 Broadway Circle
San Diego

Speakers will include Klaus Wolter, University of Colorado; Dan Cayan, Scripps Institution of Oceanography; Jeanine Jones, Department of Water Resources; and a National Weather Service representative.

The workshop will also be available as a live webcast. The URL for the webcast is <http://cawater.rmxpres.com/webcast/data/dwrwinteroutlook11172010/msh.htm>.

The recently completed Water Year 2010 was an average water year for most parts of California; it followed the three-year dry period of 2007-09. Water project allocations for State Water Project contractors and for south-of-Delta Central Valley Project contractors were substantially below historical levels in 2007-2010.

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